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25 June 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Medical Services

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SUBJECT : PSS Response to the Difference in View-  
point Regarding [REDACTED]  
Participation in the ERDA Personnel  
Assurance Program

After reviewing the attached documents, I am inclined to agree with the IG recommendation that [REDACTED] of PSS not provide consultative support and assistance to the ERDA Personnel Assurance Program. In principle, we have no objection whatever to this type of support to other government agencies, PSS workload permitting. [REDACTED] is a highly competent assessment psychologist, and his extensive background in PSS assessment programs makes him uniquely qualified to provide the requested support. In these times, however, prudence dictates that PSS refrain from participating in such an activity, although in more tranquil times we would provide the requested support most gladly.

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[REDACTED]  
Acting Chief, Psychological Services Staff  
Office of Medical Services

Attachments  
As Stated Above

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DD/A 75-2945  
23 JUN 1975


MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Medical Services

SUBJECT : U.S. Energy Research and Development  
Administration Personnel Assurance  
Program

1. Attached you will find OGC's opinion which is permissive of our engagement with ERDA and its Personnel Assurance Program, but more importantly is IG's opinion which is quite negative.

2. Under present ground rules, if we are anxious to pursue ERDA's request, we must forward the document to the Director for decision. At this particular point in time, we are most anxious to spare him that decision by agreeing with the Inspector General unless you feel there are overwhelming reasons for our fighting this battle. If so, please let us hear.

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John F. Blake  
Deputy Director  
for  
Administration

Attachments

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30 MAY 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: Inspector General  
General Counsel

SUBJECT : Request to Participate in Examination  
of Personnel Assurance Program

1. The Energy Research and Development Administration has established a committee of eminent physicians to examine the adequacy of the Personnel Assurance Program to assure that those persons actually working with nuclear explosives are carefully chosen. ERDA is asking the Agency to authorize [REDACTED] of the Office of Medical Services to cooperate in a proposed information exchange. Both ERDA's letter and our proposed response is attached.

2. Before authorizing [REDACTED] to participate, I would like your reading as to whether or not this could possibly violate our concern for engaging in domestic activities. I am, of course, mindful of your busy schedules but would appreciate a response within the next week or ten days if at all possible.

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[REDACTED]  
John F. Blake  
Deputy Director  
for  
Administration

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OGC 75-2085

2 June 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Administration

SUBJECT : Request to Participate in Examination of Personnel  
Assurance Program

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1. On the basis of the letter from Mahlon E. Gates, Manager of the Energy Research and Development Administration (ERDA) Nevada Operations Office, concerning the Joint Medical/Psychological Program, and a discussion with [REDACTED] (OMS/PSS), I do not believe that our cooperation with ERDA could involve us in improper domestic activities.

2. ERDA's Personnel Assurance Program is designed to assure that those persons actually working with nuclear explosives are carefully chosen. Our participation would not involve the selection or assessment of individuals for ERDA, but rather would consist of professional assistance by improvement of a program which will determine the kinds of people who should and should not be placed in stressful situations while having control of or access to nuclear explosives. While we may look at test results, this will be for the purpose of setting group standards and we will not be interested in the individuals tested, per se. We will also be able to provide valuable assistance because of the depth of our experience in testing and measuring reactions to stress.

3. If, in the course of the program or at a later date, we should be asked to make individual medical or psychological assessments, further approval should be sought by the Office of Medical Services.

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[REDACTED]  
Deputy General Counsel

cc: IG

## ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

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INSPECTOR GENERAL

75-2273

18 JUN 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

THROUGH : Deputy Director for Administration.  
Office of General Counsel

FROM : Acting Inspector General

SUBJECT : U. S. Energy Research and Development  
Administration Request for Information  
Exchange

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1. Action Requested: In accordance with the provision of [REDACTED] where there is a disagreement, it is requested that you review the attached U. S. Energy Research and Development Administration (ERDA) request for information exchange, the recommendation of the Deputy General Counsel of CIA, and the considerations of the Inspector General and then make the Agency decision.

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2. Basic Data: The Energy Research and Development Administration has established a Committee of eminent physicians to examine the adequacy of the Personnel Assurance Program to assure that those persons actually working with nuclear explosives are carefully chosen. ERDA is asking the Agency to authorize Dr. [REDACTED] of the Office of Medical Services to cooperate in a proposed information exchange. (See attached ERDA letter to Mr. John Blake, DDA, dated May 14, 1975.) In past years, we would almost certainly have honored the request based on the Economy Act. The position of the Deputy General Counsel, CIA, posing no objection, is covered in the attached memorandum from [REDACTED] to the DDA, dated 2 June 1975.

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3. IG Staff Position: We are of the opinion that an exchange of data concerning medical and psychological techniques which is based

primarily on case studies of former or present Agency employees, or other U.S. citizens utilized by the Agency, is subject to interpretation as coming close to an area of dubious exchange. That "consultative assistance" is further envisioned does, in our mind, bring it into an area of relationship that should be avoided.

4. It is recommended that the request be disapproved.

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Acting Inspector General

Attachments:  
As Stated

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Acting Inspector General

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Don Chamberlain had reviewed this question prior to departing on leave and reached the conclusion reflected in the attached EG paper.

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This proposal at my request has been reconsidered by the Office of Medical Services. OMS recommends that PSS/OMS personnel not participate in the ERDA Personnel Assurance Program at this time. I accept this recommendation and concur in the similar recommendation of the IG.

JFB  
DDA